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UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.*Producers-cum-Consumers Co-operative Societies in Malabar.*

49 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) whether there has been any case of defalcation, cheating, breach of trust or other acts involving criminal offence in any of the Producers-cum-Consumers Co-operative Societies of Malabar;

(b) if so, the name of the society, the nature of the offence and the amounts involved;

(c) what steps the Government have taken with respect to each case, when and with what result;

(d) whether there are any cases pending, and if so, at what stage and when proceedings were initiated;

(e) whether the Government have any proposal to re-organize these societies to make them more efficient; and

(f) whether the Government have received any representation for the formation of a federation of these societies and if so, the action taken thereon?

A.—(a) to (d) A statement ^acontaining the particulars required is appended.

(e) The answer is in the affirmative. In order to make these societies more efficient the Government have recently examined the proposal for the transfer of the administrative control over these societies in Malabar from the Collector of Malabar to the Co-operative Department and decided that the Collector should continue to be in charge of the administration of the societies in view of the fact that they continue to deal in the distribution of foodgrains.

(f) The question will be considered when proposals are received from the Collector of Malabar.

Number of houses constructed for Harijans.

50 Q.—SRI A. RATHINAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the number of houses constructed by the Government or with the aid of the Government and used to house the Harijans in the State district-war; and

(b) how many houses similarly constructed were for others and the approximate amount spent up till now?

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A.—(a) The information is given below :—

	District.	Number of houses constructed.
1	Coimbatore	41
2	Madurai	6
3	Ramanathapuram	16
4	Madras City	203

No houses were constructed by the Government or with the Government aid for the use of the Harijans in other districts.

(b) Since the introduction in the year 1947 of the Urban Housing Scheme, 3,865 houses had been completed by the Housing Societies and 1,893 houses were under construction in different stages as on 30th November 1952. The amount of Government loan spent on the houses completed and those under construction is Rs. 333.37 lakhs.

The Public Works Department also constructs houses but the houses are constructed only for Government servants holding particular posts as a rule and not for private individuals of any caste or community.

Assignment of lands for agricultural purposes.

51 Q.—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) how many acres of the land were assigned to the Harijans for agricultural purposes district-war and year-war for the last five years; and

(b) how many house-sites were provided district-war and year-war for the past five years?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement ^a is laid on the table of the House.

Repayment of loans granted under the State Aid to Industries Act.

52 Q.—SRI B. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) what are the usual conditions, if any, for repaying the loans granted under the State Aid to Industries Act since 1947; and

(b) the progress of those industries in repaying the loans?

A.—(a) The more important conditions prescribed in connexion with the repayment of loans granted under the Madras State Aid to Industries Act, 1922 (Madras Act V of 1923), are furnished in the appended statement ^b.

^a Printed as Appendix XIV on page 393 infra.

^b Printed as Appendix XXVII on pages 421–423 infra.

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(b) Necessary information has already been furnished in the printed answer to the unstarred question No. 38 put by Sri M. Narayana Kurup, M.L.A., on 2nd April 1953.

The Defence squads.

53 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the number of villages where defence squads were formed and are now functioning in the districts mentioned in answer to Starred question No. 268 on 24th March 1952 in the Assembly.

(b) the number of fire arms supplied to and retained by the defence squads and which were in their possession as on 31st December 1952; and

(c) the total amount of remuneration paid to officers and men in connexion with the organization, etc., of the defence squads in each of the districts referred to in (a) in the years 1950-51, 1951-52 and 1952-53?

A.—(a) to (c) As the situation is still doubtful it is considered not desirable in the public interest to give the information asked for.

Filing of cases under the Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Act.

54 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of landholders concerned who have filed the particulars required of them according to the rules issued under sections 3 (4) and 7 of the Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Act;

(b) the number of landholders who have defaulted in furnishing the above particulars, and among them the number of those whose default is for one year and above; and

(c) the number of prosecutions launched against such defaulters?

A.—(a) to (c) A statement^a showing the particulars is placed on the table of the House.

Functions of the Food Production Committees.

55 Q.—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the exact functions of the Food Production Committees in the State;

(b) what is the work done so far by the Committee in the Visakhapatnam district in the year 1952-53;

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(c) whether any of the resolutions of the Committee has been accepted by the Government; and

(d) if so, what they are?

A.—(a) Presumably the hon. Member means the District Food Production Committees. The functions of these Committees are—

- (i) to hear representations of ryots seeking assistance for increasing production of foodgrains in their holdings;
- (ii) to review the working of the various Grow More Food Schemes in the district and submit periodical reports to the Provincial Committee at the Ministerial level;
- (iii) to make recommendations to the Provincial Committee on Grow More Food measures;

(b) During the year 1952-53 four meetings of the Committee were held. Eleven resolutions were passed by the Committee. All the resolutions were conveyed to the Board and Government for information and necessary action. On five resolutions out of these, action was taken by the Collector himself. These resolutions related to supply of labour to the Public Works Department, removal of glass and iron pieces from the urban compost, etc. In respect of the remaining six resolutions action of the Government was called for.

(c) Two out of the six resolutions referred to the Government were accepted by them.

(d) They are—

- (i) While reviewing the progress of work under the Well Subsidy Scheme, Sri K. V. Ramesam pointed out that boring sets should be made easily available to the cultivators for sinking wells and that this help should be given irrespective of whether the applicant has or has not been granted a subsidy for well sinking.
- (ii) He has also pointed out that there is some delay in the disposal of applications for electric connexion in Chodavaram area. If applications are disposed of speedily and electric connexions are granted for agricultural purposes, it will help the cultivators to pump water from wells and it will help production of more food. He desired that the appropriate authority should be addressed in the matter so as to ensure that applications from the ryots in Chodavaram area for electric connexions are speedily disposed of.

Amount allotted for the amelioration of the Backward Classes.

56 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the amount allotted districtwar for the amelioration of Backward Classes during the year 1951-52; and

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(b) the amount unspent for want of sufficient number of applicants in each district?

A.—(a) A sum of Rs. 11,00,000 was provided for the whole State. No allotment was made out of this sum in the order of districts.

(b) Does not arise. It may however be stated that out of the total budget provision of Rs. 11,00,000 set apart for the amelioration of Backward Classes for the year 1951-52, only about Rs. 30,000 was left unspent at the end of the year.

Handloom and Pitloom weavers in Malabar.

57 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have statistics of the number of handloom and pitloom weavers in Malabar and if so, what they are;

(b) the number of handloom weavers who are working in handloom factories and handloom weavers who possess their own looms;

(c) how many handloom or pitloom weavers in Malabar have been benefited by the Ryan Scheme; and

(d) the nature of help so far rendered by the Government to relieve the distress among handloom weavers with special reference to Malabar?

A.—(a) & (b) The number of handlooms and pitlooms in Malabar district are given below:—

	Inside Co-operative fold.	Outside Co-operative fold.	Total.
Handlooms ..	117	28,356	28,473
Pitlooms ..	6,293	17,904	24,197
Total ...	6,410	46,260	52,670

After the introduction of Relief Scheme in Malabar district the number of handlooms working in the Co-operative fold is 7,833. The total number of weavers working the above looms are not available.

(c) 2,670.

(d) The following relief measures have been extended to the distressed weavers in Malabar district:

(1) Cash grant of Rs. 7,000 (sanctioned by Government) has been allotted to the various charitable institutions for disbursement to the distressed weavers.

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- (2) A total sum of Rs. 6,399-15-0 has been allotted for weavers relief at some centres from out of the common good fund of the Producers'-cum-Consumers' Societies under the sanction accorded by the Collector.
- (3) Special gruel centres for weavers have been opened in five big urban weaving centres in Malabar district; four more centres will be opened shortly.
- (4) A sum of Rs. 16,065 has been distributed as interest-free loans towards the share capital for the new weavers admitted into the weavers' co-operative societies under the Relief Scheme.
- (5) A sum of Rs. 1,75,875 has been provided for the societies working the Relief Scheme by District Co-operative Central Bank as working capital.
- (6) The Government have ordered that yarn supplies may be made to the handloom factories in Malabar district direct from the mills at ex-mill rates provided that the consumption of each factory is at least two bales per month and that for other factories, supplies of yarn may be made direct from State nominees.

Taluk Headquarters Hospital, Perintalmanna.

58 Q.—SRI KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the present bed strength and the average number of daily attendance of both out-patients and in-patients in the Taluk Headquarters Hospital at Perintalmanna;

(b) the suggestions contained in the inspection report of the Deputy Surgeon-General when he visited the hospital in the year 1950; and

(c) what action the Government have taken to implement the suggestions for improving the conditions of the said hospital?

A.—(a) to (c) A statement ^a is placed on the table of the House

Number of Government servants involved in Andhra Province agitation.

59 Q.—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the number of State Government servants against whom disciplinary action was taken or is pending for abstaining from office work during the recent Andhra Province agitation in all the eleven Andhra districts?

A.—The question having been sent to all Collectors we have received nil reports from all the eleven concerned districts.

^a Printed as Appendix XVI on page 395 infra.

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Tobacco flue-curing barns.

60 Q.—SRI K. RANGA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) what is the number of numbered tobacco flue-curing barns in 1948, 1950 and 1952 in Nellore, Guntur, Krishna, West Godavari and East Godavari;

(b) what are the coal allotments made by the Central Government to Provincial Government in 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1953;

(c) whether any permit fee was collected from 1951 April from Coal Consumers; and

(d) what is the purpose of collection of permit fee when the Central Government are collecting arrears as excise duty and coal is a centrally controlled commodity?

A.—(a)

Year.	Number of barns in				
	Nellore.	Guntur.	Krishna.	West. Godavari.	East. Godavari.
1950	213	11,893	2,407	Nil.	Nil.
1952	213	12,020	3,133	2,329	1,302

(b) Information for the year 1948 has not been given since the work relating to the official enumeration of barns was undertaken only in 1949.

Years.	Tonnage allotted.
	RS.
1949-50	1,00,000
1950-51	1,60,000
1951-52	1,65,000
1952-53	1,65,000

Actual figures for the year 1948-49 are not readily available.

(c) Yes.

(d) The permit fee is being collected to meet the expenditure incurred by the State Government on account of the staff employed in connexion with the distribution of coal.

Amount spent on Grow More Food Campaign in South Kanara.

61 Q.—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the amount spent on Grow More Food Campaign in South Kanara district from 1948 to 1952; and

(b) the increase in acreage of paddy crop as a result of the Campaign?

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A.—(a) & (b) The particulars are as follows:—

Year.	Gross expenditure in rupees.	Increases in acreage.
1948-49	3,67,195	21,383
1949-50	5,94,368	3,273
1950-51	7,28,670	12,060
1951-52	8,91,042	19,279

Health Centres in the State.

62 Q.—SRI M. S. MOGRAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) how many Health Centres are functioning in the State;

(b) whether the Government propose to open more centres in the State; and

(c) what is the amount spent for maintaining each of the existing Health Centres?

A.—(a) At present there are 23 primary centres in the non-firka areas and one in firka area.

(b) Further opening of these centres has been deferred in view of present financial stringency of the State.

(c) The normal annual expenditure for a centre is about Rs. 14,500.

Grant of takkavi loans in Tiruchirappalli district.

63 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the total amount distributed among ryots in kind or in cash by way of takkavi loans talukwar in Tiruchirappalli district during the years 1950-53; and

(b) the amount repaid by or collected from the ryots?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement^a containing particulars of takkavi loans paid in kind or in cash in Tiruchirappalli district during the years 1950-51 to 1952-53 and the amounts recovered from the ryots during those years is annexed.

P.W.D. workshop for Andhra area.

64 Q.—SRI T. POTHA RAJU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a proposal with Government to build the main P.W.D. workshop for Andhra area on the southern side of the Krishna river at Vijayavada; and if so, what amount the Government have proposed to spend on it and when the work is going to begin;

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(b) whether the Government have received any representations from the P.W.D. Workers' Union, Vijayavada, giving their suggestions regarding the construction of the abovesaid workshop; and

(c) if so, what are those suggestions and what the Government propose to do in this respect?

A.—(a) No. There is however a proposal to build a new modernised workshop on the southern side of the Krishna river at Seethanagaram. The proposed workshop is intended to replace the existing ill-equipped workshop at Vijayavada and plans and estimates for the proposed workshops are under preparation. It is not possible now to indicate the expenditure involved in the proposal.

(b) Yes.

(c) The suggestion is that the new workshop may be constructed at Seethanagaram settlement side due to various facilities available there. The representation will be considered, while deciding the final location of the workshop.

The Gandikota Project.

65 Q.—SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to place on the table of the House a statement giving full information about the acreage irrigated, the names of villages benefited in each taluk, the submerged area and the villages with names under the Gandikota Project and state whether it is proposed to be constructed as an independent project with the waters of the river Pennar only or as a combined scheme with the waters of the river Krishna also?

A.—The Gandikota Project was proposed to be executed in two stages. The first stage was to be independent of the Krishna-Pennar Project and in the second stage it was to be linked with the Krishna-Pennar Project through the Krishna-Pennar West Canal taking off from the Krishna reservoir. The project in its final stage was to bring under irrigation an extent of 100,000 acres wet and 50,000 acres dry in Cuddapah, Jammalamadugu, Proddatur and Kamalapuram taluks in Cuddapah district and would submerge 519.53 acres wet, 2,180.85 acres dry, 107.97 acres topes, 3,742.11 acres porambokes, etc., lands in Jammalamadugu taluk in Cuddapah district.

The villagewar particulars of the ayacut under the project can be known only after the scheme is sanctioned and the ayacut is localised.

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Admission in the Higher grade training schools in Cuddapah district.

66 Q.—SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications for admission in each of the Higher grade training schools in Cuddapah district for the year 1952;

(b) the number actually admitted in each of the said schools respectively in the same year;

(c) the basis of selection for admission into the basic training school at Rayachoti for the year 1952; and

(d) the number of applicants from different taluks for admission into the basic training school at Rayachoti for the year 1952 and the number actually selected from each taluk?

A.—(a), (b) & (d) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

(e) In respect of both senior and junior basic grades preference in selection was given to candidates coming from Proddatur and Rayachoti taluks which constitute the basic belt as well as to candidates belonging to the scheduled castes. In respect of junior basic grades the admission was made on the basis of merit, viz., by taking students who passed the VIII Standard Public Examination with or without English, with reference to the marks they had secured therein. Likewise due consideration was given to the marks secured by the students at the S.S.L.C. Public Examination for selection to the Senior Basic Grade. All other instructions issued by the Director of Public Instruction bearing on the selection of candidates for teachers training course were observed.

Number of latrines built for Harijans in Cuddapah district.

67 Q.—SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(a) the number of latrines so far built for Harijans by the Rural Welfare department in each taluk of Cuddapah district;

(b) what is the total amount of money spent on such latrines in that district;

(c) how many of them are actually being used and how many not used by the people for whom they were intended; and

(d) whether the Government have ascertained whether the latrines built at present are suited to the conditions and needs of the people?

A.—(a) The Rural Welfare Scheme has been implemented (1) in Proddatur, Chapad and Arkatavemula firkas of Proddatur taluk and (2) in Thallimanchipatnam firka of

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Jammalamadugu taluk. Sixteen latrines have been built in Proddatur taluk and two in Jammalamadugu for the use of the Harijans.

(b) Rs. 6,005.

(c) All the latrines are being used by the Harijans.

(d) Yes. The types of latrines constructed are suited to the tastes of the local people, and here and there Wardha types of trench latrines are constructed to suit the needs of the school children. So far, no complaints have been received against the types of latrines.

Takkavi loans for the purchase of bulls.

68 Q.—SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether takkavi loans for purchase of bulls are being issued in Kamalapuram and Pulivendla taluks in Cuddapah district;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the applications for such loans were rejected on the ground that the season has passed off;

(c) the number of such applications received from the above taluks in the calendar year 1952; and

(d) the number sanctioned, rejected and pending?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes. In 1952 some applications were rejected on the ground that the cultivation season was over.

(c) The number of applications received during the calendar year 1952 is as follows:—

Kamalapuram taluk	520
Pulivendla taluk	1,794

(d)

	Number of applications.		
	Sanctioned.	Rejected.	Pending.
Kamalapuram	155	215	150
Pulivendla	475	1,036	283

Relief works in Pudukkottai division.

69 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(b) the amount given as subsidy to wells in each of the three taluks of Pudukkottai division in Tiruchirappalli district each year since 1st January 1949;

(b) the amount given as subsidy to wells in each of the three taluks since 1st January 1949;

(c) the number of wells dug;

(d) the number not dug; and

(e) the amount of subsidy recovered if any for default?

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4.—(a) In view of the drought conditions since the merger, very large number of works were taken up in the Pudukkottai division and the Minor Irrigation, Public Works Department and Food Production programme intensified from year to year to provide employment for labour. A sum of Rs. 11,86,514 has been spent on the works during the period 1949-53. Separate figures for each taluk are not available.

(b) to (e) The particulars are given below :—

	<i>Atangudi taluk.</i>	<i>Kolathur taluk.</i>	<i>Tirumayam taluk.</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1 Amount given as subsidy for sinking of wells in each of the three taluks of Pudukkottai division since 1st January 1949.	Rs. 2,79,100	Rs. 2,95,900	Rs. 2,65,000
2 The number of wells dug	139	334	488
3 The number not dug	850	235	43
4 The amount of subsidy recovered, if any, for default.	Rs. 3,500	Rs. 2,321	Rs. 4,665

Harijan Welfare Scheme in Pudukkottai division.

70 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the amount spent in each of the three taluks in Pudukkottai division in Tiruchirappalli district under various heads of Harijan Welfare each year since 1st January 1949?

A.—No expenditure has been incurred in the Pudukkottai division on any Harijan Welfare Scheme during the period from 1st January 1949 to 31st March 1953.

Number of motor cycles, cars, etc., in the State.

71 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) how many motor cycles, cars, taxis, buses, lorries, private and public carriers and other power-driven vehicles there were in each district of this State in 1947; and

(b) how many new vehicles under each category were registered every year in each district from 1947 to 1952?

A.—(a) & (b) Two statements ^a showing the available particulars are annexed. The figures relating to the year 1952 are not readily available.

Admission into the Medical and Engineering Colleges.

72 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state how many students were admitted into the Government Medical Colleges and Engineering Colleges, in this year, district-war and community-war?

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A.—A statement^a containing the requisite particulars is placed on the table of the House.

Construction of wells in Darsi and Podili taluks.

73 Q.—SRI S. KASI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state what is the total number of wells under rural water-supply comprehensive scheme proposed to be constructed in Darsi and Podili taluks of Nellore district; and what is the total number of wells completed so far?

A.—The information is furnished in the statement below :—

Name of the taluk.	Number of works pending at the commencement of the Five-Year Programme in 1948-49.	Number of works completed out of these shown in column (2).	Number of works proposed under the Five-Year Programme.	Number completed out of those in column (4).	Total number of wells completed.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1 Podili	20	12	118	2	14
2 Darsi	12	8	107	9	17
Total ..	32	20	225	11	31

Famine relief works in Darsi and Podili taluks.

74 Q.—SRI S. KASI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what is the total amount of money spent on famine works, roads, tank repairs, wells, etc., for Darsi and Podili taluks separately of Nellore district last year; and

(b) what is the total number of gruel centres run last year?

A.—(a) The total amount spent was as follows :—

Detailed head.	Amount spent last year.	
	In Podili taluk.	In Darsi taluk.
	RS.	RS.
Roads	50,000	1,00,000
Minor irrigation tanks ..	12,260	43,434
Rural water-supply wells.	18,166	10,448
Gruel centres .. .	16,175	20,244

(b) The total number of gruel centres run last year in Podili and Darsi taluks were 16 and 25 respectively.

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Stationing of Special Armed Police at strategic points in the State.

75 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether units of Special Armed Police as were stationed during war time at strategic points like electrical power stations, bridges, etc., are continued to be so stationed to this day, and if so, the names of the points at which they are so continued to be stationed now and the total number of officers and men assigned for duty now;

(b) the expenditure on the Special Armed Units stationed at points in (a) towards wages, allowances, contingencies, etc., for 1951-52 and 1952-53 up to 31st December 1952; and whether such expenditure is wholly or partly borne by the Union Government and if so borne, the amounts received from the said Government in 1951-52 and 1952-53 up to December 1952; and

(c) what are the duties assigned to the units?

A.—(a) to (c) The Government have declared certain installations of the Central and State Governments to be “Prohibited Places”. These installations are being suitably guarded and the question of recovering a portion of the cost of such guarding from the Government of India is under consideration.

It is not in the public interest to give the details asked for in the question.

Stationing of Special Armed Police inside Mills in the State.

76 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) further to the stationing of Special Armed Police Units at the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills at Madras for the maintenance of Law and Order inside the mills, the names of other mills, factories and workshops at which Special Armed Police Units were so stationed at any time after June 1952 and the periods for which they were so stationed at each of the places;

(b) the number of officers and men stationed at the places and periods in (a) and the amounts spent by the State Government towards the wages, allowances, contingencies, etc., of the units of the Special Armed Police so stationed and for periods in (a); and

(c) of the amounts spent by the State Government in (b) how much amounts were respectively recovered from the managements of mills, factories and workshops concerned after June 1952?

A.—(a) No Company or Platoon of the Special Armed Police was stationed for maintenance of law and order inside mills, factories and workshops after June 1952 till date.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.

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Hospitals constructed for military needs in the State.

77 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of hospitals constructed in this State during the II World War to serve the military needs of the Army and wounded personnel of the Allied Forces and the names of the places where they were located, the bed strength of each of the said hospitals;

(b) the number of hospitals in (a) and the names of the places of location in each case of such of the hospitals in (a) as were taken over by the State Government and converted into Civil Hospitals for general public use after the termination of the war and their bed strength now; and

(c) what is the total number of physicians, nurses, nursing and ambulance orderlies as were serving in the army but were discharged after the last war in the Madras Province under each category; and of these discharged persons, how many under each category were absorbed into the State Government Civil Medical Service and are continued as such to this day?

A.—No records are available for furnishing the particulars required in respect of military hospitals.

War service personnel in the State Engineering Service.

78 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Engineers, Overseers, Architects of building, Road construction, Mechanical and Electrical sections of the Army during the II World War who were discharged from the Army Service after the conclusion of the war and who belonged to the Madras Province; and

(b) of the number in (a) the number under each category who were absorbed into the State Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Service?

A.—(a) Information is not available with this Government.

(b) Persons who had rendered war service and had been discharged on the termination of the war, were appointed in the Engineering departments as shown below :—

Highways Department	...	...	43
Public Works Department	...	...	24
Boiler Department	...	...	1
Electricity Department	...	...	67

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*Recognition of hostels in South Arcot district by the
Director of Harijan Welfare.*

79 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications received during 1952–53 from South Arcot district for recognition of hostels by the Director of Harijan Welfare;

(b) the number of such hostels in that district recognized and their names; and

(c) if no hostel was recognized, the reasons therefor?

A.—(a) Five applications.

(b) Two hostels—

(i) Sivashanmugam Harijan Boys' Hostel, Kallakurichi.

(ii) Nethaji Harijan Hostel, Cuddalore.

(c) The question does not arise.

Cultivation of paddy in the State.

80 Q.—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the average paddy yield in this State has either been gradually going down year after year or that there has been no steady increase in this crop yield on any large scale;

(b) whether any propaganda was done by the department for more intensive use of fertilizers and their methods of application to the paddy fields;

(c) whether any systematic experiments have been carried out by the Research Stations in this connexion and if so, for how long and with what results; and

(d) whether the department has done any experiments on the new technique of placement of fertilizers and the new cultural practices in paddy fields that have yielded spectacular results in Japan?

A.—(a) The average yield of paddy per acre for the last twenty years, i.e., 1930–31 to 1950–51 is given in Statement I^a placed on the table of the House. It will be seen therefrom that the acre yields of paddy have neither been static nor progressively deteriorating, but have shown variations within limits which are characteristic of agricultural production. Such variations are due largely to the seasonal factor.

(b) Yes. Propaganda is done by the Agricultural department for increased use of manures and their methods and dosages of application.

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- (c) Yes. A gist of the results of the experiments conducted for over twenty-two years and the manures recommended for paddy and dosage per acre are given in Statement II placed on the table of the House.
- (d) Experiments on the technique of placement of fertilizers are being conducted, by the Agricultural department. The results will be available only after the harvests. A statement showing the method of manuring in Japan and the average yield obtained is given in Statement IV placed on the table. The hon. Member is aware that a campaign for the adoption of what is called the Japanese method of rice culture with modifications to suit local conditions and experience has just been started. A copy of the leaflet—see Statement V—is placed on the table.

Cancellation of certificates of teachers in Malabar district.

81 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of teachers, students and pupil-teachers in Malabar district whose certificates were either cancelled, suspended or withheld during 1948 to 1951;

(b) how many of them have since been restored; and

(c) the reasons for not restoring the remaining certificates?

A.—(a) *Teachers*.—Total number of certificates which were either cancelled or suspended during 1948 to 1951 in Malabar district—332.

Students.—It is reported that three students in the National High School, Pattambi, were expelled for communistic activities during 1949 and were debarred for three years from 1949–50.

Pupil-teachers.—Number of certificates cancelled or suspended—One pupil-teacher was declared unfit to be a teacher.

(b) *Teachers*.—Number of certificates so far restored—240.

Students.—Of the 3 students, two were issued transfer certificate in 1952.

Pupil-teachers.—Number of certificates restored.—Nil.

(c) *Teachers*.—The remaining cases are under examination.

Students.—No application has been made on behalf of the remaining student for transfer certificate.

Pupil-teachers.—Nil.

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Expenditure on Harijan Uplift.

82 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the amount of expenditure incurred by the Government on account of Harijan Uplift in each district of the State from April 1940 to end of March 1952?

A.—A statement^a showing the expenditure incurred on account of Harijan Uplift in each district including Madras City, during the years 1950–51 and 1951–52, is appended. Particulars in respect of the earlier years are not readily available.

Takkavi loans.

83 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the amount of takkavi loans advanced by the Government in the various districts of the State separately from April 1940 to end of March 1952?

A.—The information is not readily available with the Government. The collection of the particulars for a series of years will involve a good deal of time and labour and the Government consider that it will not be commensurate with the purpose to be served.

Tank and Well-subsidy Schemes.

84 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the amount spent by the Government in each district of the State from April 1940 to end of March 1952 under Tank and Well-subsidy Schemes?

A.—The answer^b is placed on the table of the House.

Rice mills in the State.

85 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of rice mills in existence in the State districtwar, at the end of 1952?

A.—The following statement shows the total number of rice mills functioning in Madras State (districtwise) at the end of 1952:—

Serial number and district.	Number of rice mills.
1 Anantapur	60
2 Bellary	86
3 Chingleput	364
4 Chittoor	195
5 Coimbatore	303
6 Cuddapah	33

^a Printed as Appendix XXII on page 413 infra.

^b Printed as Appendix XXIII on pages 414–416 infra.

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Serial number and district.	Number of rice mills.
7 East Godavari	494
8 Guntur	495
9 Krishna	466
10 Kurnool	24
11 Madras	4
12 Malabar	111
13 Madurai	385
14 Nellore	163
15 Nilgiris	—
16 North Arcot	525
17 Ramanathapuram	337
18 Salem	380
19 South Arcot	300
20 South Kanara	38
21 Srikakulam	81
22 Tanjore	1,067
23 Tiruchirappalli	513
24 Tirunelveli	421
25 Visakhapatnam	133
26 West Godavari	333
Total	7,406

Number of trees planted in the State.

86 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of trees planted in the State up to the end of 1952 in each year during the celebration of Vana Mahotsava since it was first inaugurated;

(b) the total number of trees so planted now in existence; and

(c) the total amount of money spent in connexion with Vana Mahotsava up to the end of 1952 since the inception of the celebration?

A.—(a) & (b) The number of trees planted during the Vana Mahotsava Celebrations and the number reported to be surviving are as follows:—

Year.	Number of trees planted.	Number of trees surviving.
1950	82 lakhs	40 lakhs
1951	79 lakhs	36 lakhs
1952	Figures not yet available.	

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(c) During each of the years, 1950, 1951 and 1952 each Collector was given a lump sum grant of Rs. 1,000 for meeting the expenses connected with the Vana Mahotsava. In addition, Heads of Departments were instructed to address the Administrative Departments of the Government concerned as regards any expenditure that may be necessary to carry out the Tree Planting Programme. Certain Heads of Departments must have incurred some small expenditure on this account. Precise information about the expenditure incurred by Heads of Departments on account of Vana Mahotsava up to the end of 1952 is not available.

Working of the electrical and oil pumps.

87 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of electrical and oil pumps worked in the State districtwar at the end of 1952?

A.—The information is furnished below :—

Serial number and district.		Oil engines.	Electric motors.
1	South Visakhapatnam ..	207	33
2	North Visakhapatnam ..	102	91
3	East Godavari	526	20
4	West Godavari	13,470	4,706
5	Krishna	318	455
6	Guntur	794	130
7	Nellore	506	74
8	Kurnool	323	14
9	Cuddapah	371	114
10	Bellary	503	42
11	Anantapur	682	26
12	Chittoor	2,035	413
13	North Arcot	1,794	1,438
14	Chingleput	3,211	1,015
15	South Arcot	3,443	1,598
16	Tanjore	485	262
17	Tiruchirappalli	907	578
18	Madurai	568	812
19	Tirunelveli	500	468
20	Ramanathapuram	248	844
21	Salem	1,454	1,395
22	Coimbatore	1,846	7,253
23	Nilgiris	9	1
24	Malabar	437	57
25	South Kanara	156	54
Total ..		34,895	21,993

The above figures represent both private purchases and supplies made by the Agricultural department.

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Publication of the book "Five Years' Progress".

88 Q.—SRI S. VEMIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of money spent towards the publication of the book "Five Years' Progress" made by the Congress Government; and

(b) the number of copies printed.

A.—(a) Rs. 4,79,431.

	Copies	
(b) Tamil	330,000	
Telugu	285,000	
Malayalam	30,000	
Kannada	45,000	
Total	690,000	copies priced at 4 annas per copy.

(Note.—The publication did not deal with the progress made by the Congress Government as presumed in the question. It only sought to explain the progress Madras State had attained during the five years from 1946–1951.)

Industrial Housing Colony Schemes.

89 Q.—SRI S. VEMIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Industrial Housing Colony Schemes submitted by the State of Madras to the Government of India for subsidy for 1952–53;

(b) whether the Government of Madras received any orders from the Government of India to issue instructions to employers in industrial undertakings in their places to form voluntary Labour Welfare Fund in places where they do not exist, to provide amenities to the industrial labourers;

(c) whether the Government of India gave any subsidy to the Government of Madras for housing schemes; and

(d) if so, the amount?

A.—(a) The Government of Madras recommended to the Government of India thirteen industrial housing schemes submitted by private employers in this State for grant of subsidy and loan during 1952–53.

(b) Yes.

(c) No subsidy has been given for any Government Schemes.

(d) Does not arise.

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Interest-free loans to weavers.

90 Q.—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) the number of poor weavers who got loan free of interest in 1952-53 in the State;

(b) amount of money granted to them; and

(c) the number of Scheduled Castes and tribes weavers and the amount advanced to them?

A.—(a) During 1952-53, 5,008 weavers obtained interest-free loans.

(b) Total amount granted to these weavers is Rs. 1,21,360.

(c) There were 23 Harijan weavers in Tirunelveli district. The amount advanced to them was Rs. 575.

Field Labourers' Societies.

91 Q.—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Tenants' and Field Labourers' Societies in the State;

(b) the number of members;

(c) the amount advanced to them by the Government; and

(d) the extent of land leased out to those societies by the Government?

A.—(a) The number of Field Labourers' Societies otherwise known as Tenants' Societies in the State on 30th June 1952 were 389.

(b) On 20th June 1952 there were 32,834 members.

(c) The information has to be collected from 42 Deputy Registrars and the collection of the information is not worth the labour involved.

(d) 43,780 acres.

Allegations against the Manager, Harijan Hostel, Turaiyur.

92 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received any representations from the inmates of the Harijan Hostel, Turaiyur, Tiruchirappalli district, complaining against the highhanded acts of the Manager and Warden of the Hostel starving the entire inmates without food on 23rd and 24th October 1952; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon and the results?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) After enquiry, the District Welfare Officer found nothing irregular on the part of the management.

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Unqualified Medical staff in Government Hospitals.

93 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of qualified and unqualified compounders, nurses, midwives and doctors employed in Government Hospitals and Dispensaries on districtwar basis; and

(b) how many of them are (i) Harijans and (ii) Christian converts on 31st December 1952?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement ^a is placed on the table of the House.

Ameliorative measures for the Harijans.

94 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the various ameliorative measures undertaken by the Government for the Harijans and Harijan Christians up to date from the One-Crore Fund available for Harijan Uplift?

A.—The expenditure incurred on the various ameliorative measures undertaken by the Harijan Welfare Department was from One-Crore Fund originally set apart and from the State General Revenues. The One-Crore Fund originally set apart has since been fully spent. The ameliorative measures undertaken are mentioned in the Administration Report of the Harijan Welfare Department.

Educational uplift of the Harijans.

95 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the various Government Orders which are in force and which are intended for the educational uplift of the Harijans and Harijan Christians?

A.—The information is available in the Administration Report of the Harijan Welfare Department.

The Estates Tribunal at Visakhapatnam.

96 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the expenditure incurred on the establishment of the Estates Tribunal at Visakhapatnam; and

(b) the number of cases (i) received by, (ii) disposed of by and (iii) pending before the said Tribunal during the financial year 1951-52?

A.—(a) (i) Rs. 59,395-2-6.

(b) Number of cases received in 1951-52 ... 2,243

(ii) Number of cases disposed including those received in the previous years ... 1,115

(iii) Number of cases pending on 1st April 1952. 1,705

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Number of buses withdrawn from service in West Godavari.

97 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) the number of buses withdrawn from service on each route in West Godavari as on 31st December 1952; and

(b) the reasons for such withdrawal?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement^a is annexed.

Number of cases under the Madras Temple Entry Authorization Act.

98 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state the number of cases filed in both the Civil and Criminal Courts in each district under the Madras Temple Entry Authorization Act on 30th June 1952?

A.—The information is furnished in the statement below :—

Statement showing the number of cases filed up to 30th June 1952 in the Criminal and Civil Courts in each district under the Madras Temple Entry Authorization Act.

Name of the district.	Number of cases filed in the Criminal Court.	Number of cases filed in the Civil Court.
1 Nellore	..	1
2 South Kanara	..	3
3 Malabar	5	10
4 Tanjore	1	1
5 Srikakulam	1	..
Other districts	—	Nil.

Field Labour Co-operative Societies in West Godavari district.

99 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of (i) Field Labour Co-operative Societies, (ii) Credit Societies, (iii) Multipurpose Co-operative Societies and (iv) other societies in West Godavari district;

(b) how many of them are run by Harijans and Harijan Christians;

(c) the total extent of land cultivated by the Field Labour Co-operative Societies in 1952; and

(d) the total amount invested in each category as on 30th June 1952?

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A.—(a) The total number of different types of societies in the West Godavari district on 30th June 1952 were—

(i) Field Labour Co-operative Societies ... 33

(ii) Credit Societies ... 555

(iii) Multipurpose Societies ... 71

(iv) Other types of societies ... 314

(b) Number of societies run by the Harijans and Harijan Christians were

(i) Field Labour Co-operative Societies ... 33

(ii) Credit Societies ... 55

(iii) Multipurpose Societies ... 2

(iv) Other societies ... 31

(c) 1,560 acres.

(d) The amount invested in each category on 30th June 1952 including borrowings from the Government and the Central Banks, and local deposits were as follows:—

	Societies intended for all classes including Harijans.	Societies intended for Harijans only.
	RS.	RS.
Field Labour Co-operative Societies.	71,031	71,031
Credit Societies	55,60,296	75,456
Multipurpose Societies ..	4,01,125	8,541
Other types	1,58,10,413	19,152

Number of Harijans in the Educational service.

100 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Harijans working as (i) District Educational Officers, (ii) Divisional Inspectors of Schools and (iii) Senior and Junior Inspectors of Schools in each district; and

(b) the sub-castes to which they belong?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement* is placed on the table of the House.

West Godavari District Rural Welfare Committee.

101 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state with reference to unstarred question No. 70 answered on 26th November 1952 in the Legislative Assembly—

(a) the names of the members on the West Godavari District Rural Welfare Committee; and

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(b) whether the vacancy caused by Sri M. Bapineedu, ex-M.L.A. has been filled up?

A.—(a) The following are the members of the District Rural Welfare Committee for West Godavari district :—

- 1 Collector (Chairman).
- 2 Revenue Divisional Officer (Vice-Chairman).
- 3 Rural Welfare Officer (Rural Welfare Department) (Secretary).
- 4 Centre Khadi Officer in respect of Intensive Khadi areas.
- 5 President, District Board.
- 6 Sri M. Bapineedu, ex-M.L.A., West Godavari district.
- 7 Sri Ch. Anjaneyalu, Gopannapalem, via Eluru.
- 8 Sri M. Narayana Rao, Pedavegi P.O., via Eluru.
- 9 Sri Indukuri Satyanarayana Raju, Member, District Board, Kammarakottai.
- 10 Sri P. B. Rangachari, Secretary, Taluk Congress Committee; Member, Working Committee, District Congress Committee, West Godavari district.

(b) The question of reconstituting the District Rural Welfare Committees is engaging the attention of the Government.

West Godavari District Harijan Welfare Committee.

102 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the names of the members of the West Godavari District Harijan Welfare Committee; and

(b) the number of sittings of the committee from 1st January 1952 to 31st December 1952 and the resolutions passed at those sittings?

A.—(a) The following are the members of the West Godavari District Harijan Welfare Committee :—

- 1 Sri T. S. Kutumba Sastri, Secretary, Harijan Sevak Sangh.
- 2 Sri G. Venkanna, Narasapur.
- 3 Sri Kothapalli Chandraiah, representative of the District Charnakaraka Sangham.
- 4 Sri Alluri Satyanarayana.
- 5 Sri Namburi Srinivasa Rao, Organising Secretary, District Congress Committee, Eluru.
- 6 Sri Nakka Pedda Venkayya, Eluru.

(b) No meetings were held during the period from 1st January 1952 to 31st December 1952.

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Artisans in West Godavari district.

103 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state on a firkawar basis—

(a) the number of artisans selected in West Godavari district with reference to G.O. Ms. No. 37, Firka Development, dated 10th January 1950;

(b) the number of villages selected;

(c) the number of artisans selected for distribution of tools;

(d) the number of artisans approved for distribution of tools;

(e) the number of artisans to whom tools have been supplied; and

(f) the number of Harijans who got tools?

A.—The information is furnished below :—

Denduluru firka.	Kamavarapukota firka.	Dharamajigudem firka.
176	31	20
33	11	6
176	31	20
97	20	1
73	15	1
17	5	—

Allowances to the members of the Legislature serving on certain committees.

104 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the rates of travelling allowances and other allowances admissible to the members of the Legislature on—

- (i) The District Food Production Committee;
- (ii) The District Prohibition Advisory Committee;
- (iii) The District Irrigation Conference;
- (iv) The District Rural Welfare Committees; and
- (v) The District Harijan Welfare Committees for journeys connected with these committees?

A.—The committees referred to by the Member are ordinarily classified as second-class committees. Members of the Legislature who serve as members of Government committees which are not committees of the Legislature and are treated as second-class committees, are entitled to the following rates of travelling allowance :—

Railway fare for journeys—Single second-class fare *plus* daily allowance.

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Mileage for journeys—6 annas.

Daily allowance for halts—Rs. 6.

*Number of unemployed persons registered in the
Employment Exchanges.*

105 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to furnish the figures for West Godavari district with reference to unstarred question No. 83 asked in the Assembly on 2nd December 1952?

A.—In 1952, 3,558 persons were registered of whom 432 were placed in employment. The corresponding figures for the past five years are 20,561 and 7,807.

Road works in West Godavari district.

106 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the amount sanctioned by the Government in 1952 for the execution of road works to relieve unemployment among the agricultural labourers affected by adverse seasonal conditions in West Godavari district;

(b) what works are now under execution; and

(c) what is the amount spent so far?

A.—(a) West Godavari district was not affected by adverse seasonal conditions in 1952. No amount was therefore sanctioned in that year for the execution of road works to relieve unemployment among the agricultural labourers affected by adverse seasonal conditions in that district.

(b) & (c) No works are under execution now and no amount has been sanctioned for the purpose.

Rural Welfare works in the firkas in the West Godavari district.

107 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state the number of schools, hospitals, wells, length of metal roads; the Rural Welfare Department has been able to bring into existence in each of the firkas in West Godavari district up to date?

A.—The information is furnished in the statement below :—

<i>Number and name of the firka.</i>	<i>Number of schools.</i>	<i>Number of hospi- tals.</i>	<i>Number of mater- nity and child welfare centres.</i>	<i>Number of wells.</i>	<i>Length of metal roads which have been brought into existence in the selected firkas.</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1 Polavaram —	19 (Adult schools)	..	..	12	15 miles.

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Number and name of the firkas.	Number of schools.	Number of hospitals.	Number of maternity and child welfare centres.	Number of wells.	Length of metal roads which have been brought into existence in the selected firkas.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
2 Dandulur ..	31 (Elementary schools 13 High " 2 Basic training school 1 Adult schools 15).	2	3	13	7 miles 7 furlongs.
3 Dharmajigudem.	13 (High school 1 Adult schools 12).	2	1	3	5 miles 1 furlong.
4 Kamavara-pukotta.	7 (Adult schools).	2	1	4	4 miles 1 furlong.

[Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS *RE* :—

(1) FLOOD HAVOC IN MALABAR.

MR. SPEAKER :—“ The hon. Member Sri T. C. Narayana Nambar has given notice of an adjournment motion which reads as follows :—

“ That the business of the House be adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the failure of the Government to take urgent and necessary relief measures to alleviate distress wrought by the heavy floods and the havoc created in Malabar inasmuch as hundreds of huts and houses of Harijan and other poorer sections of the people have been washed away and the people are being forced to starve in streets in addition to the innumerable and irreparable loss of cattle, food and commercial crops.”

I wish to know from the hon. Member how this is a matter of urgent public importance.”

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—“ Sir, this is not an ordinary motion. My submission is that the flood has taken place on the 7th or so and thousands of houses have been washed away. As far as my information goes, some three or four people were dead and lakhs of rupees were lost. I myself have informed the Hon. the Chief Minister in a telegraphic message about the seriousness of the situation. Now, the point is this. Although the District Magistrate of Malabar has sanctioned a small amount as an aid to the poor Harijans and others to construct houses, I understand reliably that most of the landlords are utilizing this opportunity to evict the tenants and they are not allowing the construction of houses. If the Government had interfered in the matter in time, the situation would not have gone worse. So, my request is that the Hon. the Chief Minister in particular and the Cabinet, as a whole, should consider this matter most seriously and take necessary steps.”

MR. SPEAKER :—“ This is a request to the Government. It is not a matter of urgent public importance. So, I rule the motion out of order.”